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SUBJECT: INDONESIA REPORTEDLY CONCERNED ABOUT ITALIAN OIL
PROSPECTING OFF VIET NAM

REF: VIENTIANE 0488 (NOTAL)

1. A VERY SENIOR INDONESIAN DIPLOMAT HAS TOLD US THAT
HIS GOVERNMENT HAD LEARNED THAT AGIP, THE ITALIAN STATE
OIL FIRM, SOON PLANNED TO BEGIN PROSPECTING FOR OIL OFF
VIET NAM IN WATERS WHICH THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT
BELIEVED MAY BE INDONESIAN.

2. THE DIPLOMAT SAID THAT DURING THE MOST RECENT VISIT
OF SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN DUY TRINH TO JAKARTA,
VIET NAM AND INDONESIA HAD AGREED NOT TO TAKE ANY STEPS
TOWARD EXPLOITING RESOURCES IN THOSE AREAS OF THE
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CONTINENTAL SHELF OVER WHICH THE QUESTION OF COMPETING
CLAIMS HAD NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED.

3. AN ITALIAN EMBOFF BASED IN HANOI TOLD US MAY 7
THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY RIVAL CLAIMS TO WATERS
IN WHICH AGIP WOULD SOON BE PROSPECTING FOR OIL.

4. COMMENT: THE REFTTEL NOTED THAT AGIP WAS PREPARED TO SEND A SEISMIC SURVEY TEAM IN JUNE INTO THE AREA OFF VIET NAM'S CUU LONG-BEN TRE COAST. WE NOTE THAT THE DISTANCE BETWEEN VIET NAM'S CON SON ISLAND, OFF THE CUU LONG COAST, AND THE NEAREST INDONESIAN TERRITORIAL LAND FALL (THE NATUNA ISLANDS) IS APPROXIMATELY 450 KILOMETERS.

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